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MEMORANDUM

TO: District and Charter Administrators

FROM: David R. Garcia, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent

DATE: October 16, 2002

SUBJECT: Additions to document titled “ Guidance Regarding the Implementation of A.R.S. §15-241 and Consequences for Title I Schools Identified for Improvement Under Arizona’s Title I Transitional Assessment Plan for the 2002-2003 Academic Year”

As you may know, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has developed a guidance document that details the implementation process of A.R.S. §15-241 (Arizona LEARNS). With this memo, the ADE would like to notify districts and schools that a few minor additions have been incorporated into the original guidance document. It is important to note that these additions in no way affect the content of the original document. These additions only serve to clarify a few key elements of the implementation process. We believe that the revised guidance document will be especially helpful in the coming months as both Title I and non-Title I schools begin to implement state and federal school accountability requirements.

When the guidance document was first drafted and released via ADE’s website, the Arizona School Improvement Plan (ASIP) format was still in development. Since that time, the ASIP format has been finalized and approved by the Arizona State Board of Education. Additions made to the guidance clarify the school improvement plan process by detailing the completion requirements of specific sections on the ASIP format (please review Section I, Subsection II, action step #3 on pages 5-6 of the guidance document and Section I, Subsection III, action step #3 on pages 7-8 of the guidance document). In addition, the revised guidance document addresses the school improvement plan peer-review process required for all Title I schools placed in school improvement status. Please refer to Section III (“Frequently Asked Questions”), Question 8 on page 20 of the guidance document for more details regarding the peer-review process.

The revised guidance document is accessible through the ADE’s website located at www.ade.az.gov under the Arizona LEARNS webpage. The revised guidance document has been labeled “Revised” and dated October 15, 2002. In addition, we have removed the original guidance document from our website to prevent confusion. If you should have any questions pertaining to the contents of the guidance document, please contact Garrett Holm at gholm@ade.az.gov or call (602) 364-1981. Please refer all questions regarding the list of schools placed in either year one (1) or year two (2) of school improvement status (Appendix B and Appendix C of the guidance document) to Carrie Larson at clarson@ade.az.gov or call (602) 542-1542.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.